

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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| In the Matter of |) | |
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| Request for Review of |) | |
| Decision of the Universal Service |) | |
| Administrative Company by |) | |
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| Morris Communications, Inc. |) | |
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| Federal-State Joint Board on Universal |) | CC Docket No. 96-45 |
| Service |) | |
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| Changes to the Board of Directors of the |) | CC Docket No. 97-21 ✓ |
| National Exchange Carriers Association, Inc. |) | |

ORDER

Adopted: November 7, 2002

Released: November 8, 2002

By the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. Morris Communications, Inc. filed the above-captioned request for review of a decision issued by the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator).¹ Pursuant to section 54.719(c) of the Commission's rules,² this request seeks review of the Administrator's decision to reject Morris Communications, Inc.'s late-filed revised Form 499-A.

2. The Commission's rules generally provide that the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau), or the Commission if the decision involves novel questions of fact, law, or policy, must take action in response to a request for review of an Administrator decision within ninety days.³ The Commission's rules further provide that the Bureau may extend the time period for up to ninety days, and that the Commission may also extend the time period.⁴

¹ Request for Review of Decision of Universal Service Administrator by Frederick M. Joyce and Marianne Roach Casserly, Morris Communications, Inc., to Federal Communications Commission, filed July 12, 2002 (Request for Review).

² 47 C.F.R. § 54.719(c) (providing that any person aggrieved by an action taken by a division of the Administrator may seek review from the Commission).

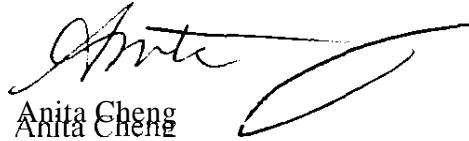
³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.724(a), (b).

⁴ *Id.*

3. Additional time is needed to review the issues presented. Accordingly, we extend by ninety days the deadline by which the Bureau or Commission must take action regarding the above-captioned Request for Review to January 8, 2003.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to authority delegated under sections 0.91, 0.291, and 54.724 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 54.724, that the time period for taking action on the Request for Review filed by Morris Communications, **Inc.** on July 12, 2002 IS EXTENDED BY ninety days.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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